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THE PROBLEM OF KIDNAPPING IN THE SOCIETY

OVERVIEW

In criminal law, Kidnapping is the unlawful transportation, asportation and confinement of a person or people against their will. It can also be defined as false imprisonment by means of abduction. Kidnapping also refers to the abduction and captivity of a person, typically for ransom.

KIDNAPPING IN THE SOCIETY

Kidnapping in not a new problem in our society and our country as a whole, with the world already facing a global pandemic, the Corona virus, kidnapping has become so rampant for ritual purposes especially. There is an entrenched myth in parts of Nigeria that human parts used in ritual magic bring wealth, power, protection, and success.

Then we have the purpose of heavy ransom, the families of victims especially the wealthy are acted to pay a given price for the return of their loved ones, sometimes even after the payment of the ransom they do not keep to their promise and the victims are murdered.

The increase in the rate of kidnapping in Nigeria is something that should be a cause for concern to everyone. In recent years, young and old have been victims, while others have the gruesome experience of loosing loved ones to these kidnappers. Recall a certain Mr. Evans who was arrested for being a mastermind of several cases of kidnap.

His arrest was thought to be the end of kidnapping in some parts of the country. Unfortunately that was not the case, other cases have since been emerged.

EFFECTS OF KIDNAPPING ON VICTIMS

I.   Psychological trauma
II. Fear and lack of trust
III. Lost of lives
IV. Emotional destabilisation

CAUSES OF KIDNAPPING:

I.   Unemployment: The high unemployment rate in many countries especially in Nigeria has forced citizens to find other ways to earn a living and some are illegal.
II. Poverty: Poverty can propel people toward crime as a way to make earns meet which may include kidnapping.
III. Religion: For example, the Islamic group, Boko Haram who tend to abduct people due to religious reasons.
IV. Politics: Political authorities also use the tactics of kidnapping to shut people up. This tactics is most popular in urban areas where the local authorities can feel like kings.
     Other causes of kidnapping may include; illiteracy, greed, etc.

SECURITY TIPS TO PREVENT KIDNAPPING

Most of the time victims are usually the ones that cause themselves to be kidnapped and the solutions include;
I.   Keeping financial tractions confidential
II. Avoidance of driving high value cars at night
III. Avoidance of money dispute
IV. Avoidance of flaunting a luxury lifestyle

V.   Watching out for trails.

WAYS TO CURB KIDNAPPING

I.   The country should train strong anti-kidnapping agents: A country who is willing to fight the malice of kidnapping should and must be able to train anti-kidnapping agents and agencies.

II.   Monitoring activities of the police: Reports show that the police may also be involved in some kidnap cases.

III.   Serious punishments for offenders: The government of a country should treat kidnappers harshly.

IV.   Job creation: Creation of jobs help to curb kidnapping because if a person is employed he may not have thoughts of kidnapping to earn a living.